

REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LITIGATION

May 7, 2013

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Building, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Fritchey and Commissioners Gainer, Schneider and Suffredin (5)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Tobolski (2)

Also Present: Laura Lechowicz Felicione – Special Legal Counsel to the President; Patrick Driscoll, Jr. – Deputy State's Attorney and Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Donald J. Pechous – Deputy Bureau Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Lanzito, Mark N. Pera, James C. Pullos and Anthony E. Zecchin – Assistant State's Attorneys; Peter M. Kramer, Esq. – General Counsel, Legal and Labor Affairs, Office of the Cook County Sheriff; Terrence F. Guole – Attorney at Law, Querrey & Harrow, Ltd.; Dominick Lanzito – Attorney at Law, Peterson Johnson & Murray S.C.

Court Reporter: Anthony W. Lisanti, C.S.R.

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to Receive and File the Litigation Subcommittee Status Report. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Vice Chairman Fritchey called for a Roll Call Vote on the Motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:

Roll Call on Motion to Enter Into Executive Session:

Yeas: Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Gainer, Schneider and Suffredin (5)

Nays: None (0)

Present: None (0)

Absent: Commissioners Collins and Tobolski (2)

The motion carried, and the Litigation Subcommittee entered into Executive Session.

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Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to return to Regular Session. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Michaca (Estate of Lucero) v. County of Cook and Dr. Benjamin Go*, Case No. 09 L 11724. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Dillard v. Sgt. Barber, et al.*, Case No. 12 C 3002. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Richmond v. Dart, et al.*, Case No. 11 C 65. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Antonia Rolowicz v. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and Dorothy Brown, in her official capacity*, Case No. 12 CV 218. The motion carried.

Peter M. Kramer, Esq., General Counsel, Legal and Labor Affairs, Office of the Cook County Sheriff, agreed to provide information to Chairman Silvestri regarding how many people have been fired for sexual harassment at the Cook County Jail to date.

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Stanfield v. Sheriff, et al.*, Case No. 10 C 6569. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Huck v. Cook County*, Case No. 07 L 3992. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter of *Latoya Howard v. Cook County*, Case No. 13 CV 2887. The motion carried.

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin moved to authorize invoice payments for special counsels in Tab #1 through Tab #7 in Volume 2 which are in compliance with the County's Attorney-Fee Guidelines. The motion carried.

Tab 1	Meckler, Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson Case No. 11CV 3490	<i>Valle v. Sheriff Thomas Dart, Palomino, et al.</i>
Tab 2	Rock Fusco & Connelly, LLC Case No. 11 C 4655	<i>Hayes-Newell, et al. v. Trost, et al.</i>
Tab 3	Rock Fusco & Connelly, LLC Case No. 08 C 3613	<i>Lambert v. Jamison, et al.</i>

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Tab 4	Peterson Johnson & Murray LLC Case No. 12 L 5432	<i>Gwendolyn Bell v. Cook County</i>
Tab 5	Peterson Johnson & Murray LLC Case No. 04 C 3367	<i>James Degorski v. Cook County Sheriff, et al.</i>
Tab 6	Peterson Johnson & Murray LLC Case No. 10 C 02946	<i>USA v. Cook County, et al.</i>
Tab 7	Querry & Harrow, Ltd. Case No. 07 C 855	<i>Hernandez v. Cook County Sheriff's Dept., et al.</i>

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

LITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE


PETER N. SILVESTRI, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


MATTHEW B. DeLEON, SECRETARY

*An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 436, Chicago, IL 60602